

## **Window to My Environment/EnviroMapper**

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EPA's Window to My Environment (WME) provides a "geographic portal" to community-based environmental information. WME features include:

- Interactive mapping, zooming, and viewing
- Community facts and statistics
- Answers to basic environmental questions

WME is an innovative public access tool which helps answer popular questions about a community's air, land, and water, as well as what is being done locally to protect the environment. Developed as an EPA/State partnership initiative through EPA's Information Integration Initiative (I-3), WME offers a new approach to integrating, managing, and providing comprehensive community-based environmental information.

WME will provide citizens with one-stop Web search capabilities for community-specific environmental information. WME combines state-of-the-art interactive maps with links to federal, state, and local environmental data to provide the public with detailed information on environmental issues and conditions affecting their community or location of interest. To focus on a particular locale, a user simply provides its ZIP code or city and state. WME then returns an interactive map of that locale, along with specific data and Web link to answer environmental questions about the user's community. The results screen has three panels:

- Your Map allows for interactive mapping, zooming and viewing locations of regulated facilities, environmental monitoring sites, and bodies of water, as well as land use, community demographics, streets, schools, and county boundaries.
- Your Window provides pertinent facts and statistics about the selected community, its population and local watersheds, and links directly to watershed and regulated facility profiles.
- Your Environment answers basic environmental questions about the selected community—questions on topics such as air and water quality, watershed health, polluted waters, fish advisories, Superfund sites, hazardous waste sites, local environmental contacts and organizations—using information from diverse government sources and other partners.

WME can be accessed using the "Where You Live" link from EPA's Web site home page at <[www.epa.gov](http://www.epa.gov)>. The site can also be accessed directly at <[www.epa.gov/enviro/wme](http://www.epa.gov/enviro/wme)>.

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